

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of October 10, 2006 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying terminal disclaimer and the following Remarks

Amendment to the Specification

Pages 1 and 2 have been amended to replace US Application numbers with corresponding US granted Patent numbers in the Cross-Reference to Co-Pending Applications. The Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced.

Regarding Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

With respect to the provisional non-statutory double patenting rejections of pending claims 1-6 over the indicated claims of copending Application Nos. 10/760,262 and 10/760,218, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is being submitted herewith; the present application and Application Nos. 10/760,262 and 10/760,218 being commonly owned by the Applicant.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending claims 1-6 is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook '908 in view of newly cited Silverbrook (US 6,916,082), for at least the following reasons.

Pending independent claim 1 clearly recites the arrangement of the present invention in which the fluid channel member 40 of the printhead module 30 is a one-piece molded member which is removably mounted within the channel 21 of the casing 20 (see page 6, line 33-page 7, line 10 and page 12, line 3-page 14, line 25 of the present specification).

On the other hand, in Silverbrook '908 the ink reservoir 16 (considered by the Examiner as the claimed "support member") is heat staked to the chassis 14 such that the printhead "module" 10 (as considered by the Examiner) is clearly not removably mounted to the "casing" (see col. 5, lines 14-33 of Silverbrook).

Further, Silverbrook '802 does not provide any disclosure which would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify this arrangement of Silverbrook '908, because Silverbrook '082 specifically discloses that the removable mounting of the printhead modules 46 to the individual ink distribution arrangements 72, which are separately positioned in the channel 62 to form the ink reservoir assembly 70, facilitates removal and replacement when necessary (see col. 5, lines 48-54 of Silverbrook '082).

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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